



Heritage Center Advisory Board Meeting
February 29, 2012

AB Members Present: Ellie Green, Geneva “Jo” Harris, Kathy Houston, Auston Johnson, Velma Kleffner, Shirley Meier, Bob Millard, Greg Waldron

AB Members Absent: Jon Uebelhack

City Staff Present: Susan Gregory, Director; April Callaway, Office Administrator
Supervisor

Guests Present: None

Call to Order:

Bob Millard called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Minutes:

The January 2012 minutes were approved on a motion by Bob Millard and seconded by Kathy Houston.

Special Recognition:

The board welcomes the addition of Greg Waldron to the board.

Citizen Comments: None

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

A. Yard Sale

The yard sale is held every other year on a Saturday usually in June. We have had three in the past and raised approximately \$1,200. Kathy Houston will chair but requests that all board members be relied upon to help. Jo Harris will assist in pricing and Ellie Green will also help with the yard sale. The date chosen is Saturday, June 23rd. The time will be decided upon later but it usually runs from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be an article in the April newsletter supplement.

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B. Fire/Police Appreciation Lunch

There were 75 fire/police that attended the lunches and we received \$485 in donations. We found that some of the fire/police wanted to sit with the seniors or wanted to go through the line to pick up their own food. It was hard for them to accept being served. They were very gracious and thankful. Suggestion was made to consider sitting them with the seniors next year.

New Business:

A. Board Officer Elections

Kathy was nominated as Chair by Shirley Meier and seconded by Velma Kleffner. Auston Johnson was nominated as Vice-Chair by Kathy Houston and seconded by Velma Kleffner. Ellie Green was nominated as Secretary by Velma Kleffner and seconded by Kathy Houston. The Board voted unanimously on the elected board officers.

B. Fees for Meals and Participants

Our approved budget by Murray City is approximately \$600,000. In fiscal year 2010-11, our food budget was \$50,000. For 2011-12, we had to reduce the food budget by 5% for a total budget of \$47,000 and the Monday lunch was cut. However, due to increase in food and chemical prices we are currently 8-10% over budget. We are currently reviewing next year's budget and will need \$57,000 to cover the projected costs of the meal program (still without the Monday meal). The meal revenue will also need to be increased to off-set a portion of the shortage. Director Gregory will come next month with figures on demographics and the meal program as discussion of this matter continues.

Director Gregory requests that the board discuss increasing the lunch fees from \$3.00 to either \$3.50 or \$4.00 with Center participants and a decision will be made before July. There is the concern that we need to be competitive with the other centers and also the realization that many participants are on a fixed income and that it may be a hardship to pay the increased fees.

With regards to the participant cards, we need to consider if a yearly "renewal" fee should be implemented or a different fee applied for Murray residents vs non-Murray residents. Originally, a one-time fee was imposed (promoted as a donation) three years ago. We are currently only charging \$3.00 if the participants request a physical card. The County centers are also beginning to discuss a "membership" fee.

The Senior Inc. Scholarship fund is currently only available to Murray residents. Director Gregory would like to discuss the scholarship program guidelines at a future meeting.

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Director's Report:

Director Gregory reported that the March/April Newsletter is currently out. We are working on reviewing the budget and costs associated with the meal program. Our next big event will be the St. Patrick's Day Lunch on March 16th with the Irish Step Dancers providing entertainment. We are taking the sign-ups and payment (\$4) now through the computer.

The next board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m.** There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on a motion by Auston Johnson and seconded by Kathy Houston. Minutes recorded by April Callaway.